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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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For: PROGRAM MONITORING METHOD AND DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please REPLACE the pending specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please REPLACE the originally filed Abstract with the enclosed Substitute Abstract.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please CANCEL claims 1-13 without prejudice or disclaimer of any of the subject matter claimed therein and ADD new claims in accordance with the following:

14. (NEW) A method for monitoring a program, comprising:
  - monitoring a program distributed throughout the system;
  - checking for semantic correctness using predetermined heuristics;
  - adding an instrumentation part to the program;
  - generating a message using the instrumentation part for transmission to a monitoring process;